

# House Watch

A summary of today's House actions;  
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## FINAL PASSAGE

### [SB 347](#) (Birkholz)

Senate Bill 347 would amend the Income Tax Act to allow for several new income tax checkoffs and to establish a number of general policies concerning income tax checkoffs.

- Substitute H-1 was adopted
- Bieda-2 was adopted
- SB 347 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading
- SB 347 was passed [RC 477: 106 yes, 3 no]  
IE was ordered [No RC]

### [HB 4763](#) (Mayes)

The bill would exempt volunteers in neighborhood beautification projects from lead professional certification requirements when scraping old paint from houses.

- Committee substitute H-1 was adopted
- HB 4763 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading
- HB 4763 was passed [RC 478: 105 yes, 4 no]  
IE was ordered [No RC]

### [HB 5021](#) (Angerer)

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code. The code prohibits equipping a motor vehicle with a television viewer or screen that can be viewed by or reflected to the driver, but it contains exceptions. The bill would rewrite and expand those exceptions. In general, the bill would permit video displays intended "to enhance or supplement the driver's view." Further, it would permit certain monitors in police vehicles, fire vehicles, and ambulances.

- Committee substitute H-2 was adopted
- Hopgood-2 was adopted
- HB 5021 was passed [RC 479: 109 yes, 0 no]  
IE was ordered [No RC]

## THIRD READING

### SB 16 (Thomas)

**Prostate Cancer Research Fund:** The fund would be created by Senate Bill 16, introduced by Sen. Thomas. Under SB 16 (S-1), money in the fund would be used to provide grants to medical schools located in the state, hospitals located in the state that specialize in cancer treatment, and hospitals located in an urbanized area that provide services to African-American men. Funds may be used as matching funds for a federal grant or a grant from the National Cancer Institute. Funds would be available for distribution upon appropriation.

- SB 16 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

### SB 348 (Birkholz)

**Amanda's Fund for Breast Cancer Research:** The fund would be created by Senate Bill 348, introduced by Sen. Birkholz. Under SB 348 (S-1), money in the fund would generally be used to support breast cancer research and to provide information to the public about the value of breast cancer research and early detection. The Department of Community Health would solicit and approve of proposals receiving funds, and would give priority to applicants located in the state. Funding would be available for distribution upon appropriation.

- Committee substitute H-1 was adopted
- SB 348 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

### SB 350 (Garcia)

**Animal Welfare Fund:** The fund would be created by Senate Bill 350, introduced by Sen. Garcia. Under SB 350 (S-1), money in the fund would be used to provide grants to animal control shelters, animal protection shelters, and nonprofit organizations to promote the sterilization and adoption of dogs and cats, to improve awareness of the proper care of animals, to support and enhance programs that provide for the care and protection of animals, and for the purchase of equipment and supplies in furtherance of the state purposes. Money received from the fund could not be used by the recipients to supplant existing funds.

- SB 350 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

**HB 5034**      (Sheltrown)

House Bill 5034 would define "**agricultural use**" as it is defined in Section 36101 of Part 361 (Farmland and Open Space Preservation) of NREPA, MCL 324.36101: "Agricultural use" means the production of plants and animals useful to humans, including forages and sod crops; grains, feed crops, and field crops; dairy and dairy products; poultry and poultry products; livestock, including breeding and grazing of cattle, swine, captive cervidae, and similar animals; berries; herbs; flowers; seeds; grasses; nursery stock; fruits; vegetables; Christmas trees; and other similar uses and activities. Agricultural use includes use in a federal acreage set-aside program or a federal conservation reserve program. Agricultural use does not include the management and harvesting of a woodlot.

- HB 5034 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

**HB 5035**      (Mayes)

In general, House Bill 5035 would amend Section 8517 of Part 85 (Fertilizers) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (MCL 324.8517) which sets forth the conditions under which local units of government may adopt fertilizer ordinances. Currently, with certain exceptions, local ordinances relating to the manufacture, storage, distribution, or sale of fertilizers are preempted. Under the bill, ordinances relating to the "agricultural use" of fertilizers would also be preempted unless an exception applied. House Bill 5034 would define the meaning of "agricultural use." The two bills are tie-barred, meaning that unless both are enacted, neither will take effect.

- HB 5035 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

## MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

**HR 107**      (Donigan)

A resolution to memorialize Congress to reauthorize Amtrak funding and support states in their efforts to expand passenger rail service.

- HR 107 was adopted